

56 Chapel Street

Duxbury, Massachusetts

Dear Fr. Atwater,

I am currently a seminarian at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass.. I am writing to you for some help in completing an independent study at the seminary. My area of concentration is my home parish Holy Family, Duxbury. In looking into past copies of the local newspaper as well as; seminary records I note that you were Duxbury's first ordained priest from the town. I would be interested, and it would be extremely helpful for the parish history, in having some input from you. I note also that you, like myself am a convert to Catholicism, if you could perhaps enlighten future readers as to what in your view brought you to the faith, who was helpful in your own unique journey? How did you find the parish priest helping you in your vocation? I note also that Fr Timothy Howard gave the homily at your first mass if you still have a copy of it I would appreciate it very much. If possible some biographical data on yourself and your impressions of Fr. Howard. I can not stress enough how helpful this would be both to my own project but I'm sure my own priestly ministry. If you would forward this to my home address I would be very appreciative as the seminary goes on summer break in less than two weeks. By sending it to my home address it gives you more time and allows me to complete

this research project during the summer.

Yours in Christ,

Clyde Chetwynde Jr.

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Dear Mr. Chetwynde:

With reference to your letter I think it would probably be better if you called me when you are home for your vacation.

I will be glad to make an appointment to see you at Cushing Hall at which we can discuss the information you would like to have.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Clyde Chetwynde Jr.
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His Eminence, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, announces the ordination to the sacred priesthood of the Rev. John Terry Atwater, on Saturday, Feb. 2, 1963, at 9 a.m., at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. Father Atwater will offer a Solemn Mass on Sunday, Feb. 10, at 11 a.m., at Holy Family Church in Duxbury. The Rev. Timothy Howard will preach.

Father Atwater is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil B. Atwater of Surplus St. He is a graduate of Newton High School, 1944, and was graduated cum laude, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Boston University, in 1948. He continued graduate studies in Fine Arts and toured as a concert pianist. In 1952 he received his M.S. in Social Studies from Boston University School of Social Work, continued as an instructor and worked at the New England Home for Little Wanderers, the Nickerson Home and the Roxbury Neighborhood House as a director in special group work projects and community organization.

Converted to Catholicism, Father Atwater entered St. John's Seminary in Brighton, where he prepared for the priesthood.

A reception will be held for Father Atwater on Sunday, Feb. 10, from 2 to 4 in Marion Hall.